## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1482**

## By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Heather Stubblefield on her selection as the 2021–2022 Alpha Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Heather Stubblefield is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Heather Stubblefield has been selected as the 2021–2022 Alpha Elementary School Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a Hamblen County educator for twenty years, Mrs. Stubblefield has spent the last six years as a kindergarten teacher; she previously taught first grade, kindergarten, and transitional kindergarten at Lincoln Elementary School for thirteen years before moving to Alpha Elementary, where she taught fourth grade her first year at the school; and

WHEREAS, a co-sponsor for school clubs, Mrs. Stubblefield also helped create the Hamblen County curriculum, wrote English Language Learners lesson plans and activities for the year, and coordinated visitors to speak at the community helper's unit; in previous years, she served as the chair of the Literacy/Read Across America committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stubblefield earned an associate degree from Walters State

Community College, a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Carson-Newman

University, and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction K-12 from Tusculum University;

she is certified in both elementary education and special education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stubblefield is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Heather Stubblefield serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Stubblefield is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband of nineteen years, Brandon, and their daughters, Rilee and Natalee; and

WHEREAS, Heather Stubblefield truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Heather Stubblefield on being chosen as the 2021–2022 Alpha Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

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